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CHURCH NEWS

VIRGINIA.

The Synod of Virginia will meet in its one hundred and thirty-third session in the Presbyterian church of Waynesboro, Va., on Tuesday, November 9, 1920, at 8 P. M., Rev. J. A. McClure, D. D., Moderator. Members will be enrolled in the church from 4 P. M. to 8 P. M.

James P. Smith, S. C.

General Assembly's Training School has opened in a most gratifying way. Forty-nine new students have been enrolled and the fiftieth one is expected within a few days. These new students represent fifteen States and two foreign countries. There are twenty-one members of the Senior class. This makes a total enrollment of seventy. Numbers have been turned away for lack of room. A large percentage of the new students have had college work before entering the Training School. An unusually large number are volunteers for the foreign field. Miss Florence Patton, of Japan, who is at home on furlough, is acting as dean of women in the Training School and teaching both classes in missions. Her presence in the Training School is going to mean much to the spiritual life of the students. Rev. W. T. Thompson, the new Professor of Religious Education in Union Theological Seminary, will give a course in Religious Education in the Training School. Miss Mary Dupuy, of Prince Edward County, Va., who is connected with the School of Social Work and Public Health in Richmond, will give a course in social studies in the Training School extending over the entire year. The Training School is growing in size and usefulness each year, but it is very much hampered for lack of adequate buildings. There is an immediate need of a new building that will house one hundred or one hundred and fifty students. It will be compelled to turn away a large number of students each year until it gets this building.

Richmond: The Huguenot Evangelical Society, which is interdenominational, will hold its annual meeting in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church on Wednesday, October 27th, at 12 o'clock. Rev. Russell Cecil will preside. Articles will be read telling of the evangelistic work of the Protestant Church of France, and some account given of the orphans whose support is given

through the society. Any who are interested are invited to attend.

Richmond, Second Church: The lecture room was crowded on Wednesday night, October 13th, with an audience which came together to congratulate the pastor, Rev. Dr. Russell Cecil, upon his twentieth anniversary. As he entered the room and ascended the pulpit the congregation arose and sang "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow." The pulpit was decorated for the occasion with choice flowers by some thoughtful and loving hand. As a token of the love and appreciation of the congregation a handsome watch was presented to Dr. Cecil, and a beautiful silver pitcher to Mrs. Cecil, in an exceedingly pleasing address by Mr. Henry Landon Cabell. Mr. Cabell, as usual, was happy in his remarks, conveying to the pastor and his wife the congratulations of the people. Dr. and Mrs. Cecil were much moved by these expressions of affection, and he replied in a brief address. The choir rendered beautiful and appropriate music.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed on Sabbath morning, October 17th, at which time three new members were received into the communion of the church by letter and one upon profession of faith.

Newport News: There were nine additions to the Newport News First church at the regular quarterly communion in October. The men of the congregation have been recently organized into a league composed of about twenty companies and embracing a membership of over three hundred and twenty. The special work to be undertaken is to make more efficient the existing church machinery rather than to add any other form of ecclesiastical activities.

Danville, First Church: Sunday, October 10th, the Lord's Supper was celebrated by this congregation. Several persons were received on profession and by letter, fifty-two having united with this church since the first of last April. There were about 400 people present at the Sunday school the first Sunday in October, Rally Day, and the contributions went far over the goal that had been set for the occasion.

J. W. C.

Staunton, Second Church: Rally Day was a great day for the Bible school. There were 603 in attendance. A Rally Day program was rendered by the children from the different departments. It was quite creditable and much enjoyed. At this service seven infants were baptized. We think the Second church Sabbath school a wonderful school, as it has the largest Home Department and Cradle Roll in Lexington Presbytery. It also has the largest offerings to benevolent causes, and won the banner for attendance during July. A beautiful baptismal font was recently placed in our church. This is a memorial to our deceased pastor, Dr. William N. Scott.

Lexington: The absentees of the summer are all back now, and Dr. Young is giving us most excellent sermons. Last Sabbath, after a ten-minute talk by Mr. Bascom, a representative of the "Children's Home" of Virginia, a collection was taken and about \$300 contributed for that cause. The missionary pastor of this church, Dr. P. F. Price, and his family have just left for China. His stay here is always a great pleasure and blessing, and many prayers follow him to his field of labor. The large number of young men at the two institutions of the town lays a heavy responsibility on the churches.

A. E. W.

Timber Ridge Church: We held our Rally Day exercises on September 26th so as to turn every thought to the communion service on October 3d. Our Rally Day program was unusual. The whole Sabbath school sat as one class, with the pastor as teacher, and studied and prayed over the destitute places in all our church territory, home and foreign, and good interest was manifested. Dr. B. F. Bedinger came to us on Wednesday, September 29th, to preach four days, but our people were so delighted with his clear, forceful and earnest preaching of the old time gospel that they begged and persuaded him to stay nine days. A fine feeling is prevalent in our community, and the blessing of God is resting on the old church. We have a missionary teacher in our Sunday school, sister of a real live missionary, and she teaches a missionary lesson to each class, one class on each Sabbath, and with this personal touch there is a great and growing interest in our whole plan of mission work. We hope also to inaugurate a church government class in the near future. The country church is not dead or dying. We are training up members and sending them to the towns and cities, ready-made workers, every month of the year. Our pastor in a recent report gives the following figures: Received on profession of faith, 42; dismissed to other churches, 105, and they all went from country to city except 9. That is something to ponder over.

Madisonville: Rev. George Frank Bell conducted a series of meetings in this church, beginning Sunday, September 26th, and ending the following Sunday. He preached two sermons a day to an attentive congregation, presenting the gospel in a clear, impressive and forceful manner. At the close of services four were received into the church on confession of faith and one by letter. Unfortunately, this church has been without a pastor since December 31, 1919, though it has been supplied by Mr. Bell since June, 1920, and will be until the spring Presbytery. We are fortunate in having secured the services of such a good, consecrated preacher and pastor.

Clerk of Session.

Farmville: On Sunday, October 10th, the regular quarterly communion was celebrated. The pastor, Rev. C. F. Rankin, preached an appropriate sermon from 1 Cor. 15:3. There were no additions to-day, but there were several two weeks previous. Mr. Rankin has completely regained his health and strength since his illness in May.

Bettie Daniel.

Glasgow: Rev. Dr. D. J. Woods has just conducted a meeting at this church, of which Rev. A. E. Baker is pastor.

New Monmouth: Rev. O. M. Anderson is holding a meeting in this church during this week.

Bethesda: The address on Sunday School Day was made by Mr. Harold Gibson, of Staunton. It and the whole program were excellent. One good woman who has passed threescore years recited the Shorter Catechism.

ALABAMA.

Montgomery: At the communion service in the First church, October 10th, Dr. McCaslin, the pastor, welcomed seventy-one new members into the church, received since the last communion.

Mobile: The Synod of Alabama will convene in the Government Street church of Mobile Tuesday, November 16th, at 7:30 o'clock. Those who expect to attend Synod are requested to

notify Mr. George E. Stone, P. O. Box 7, Mobile, in advance, and thus greatly facilitate the work of the Entertainment Committee.

Opelika: The new pastor, Rev. James D. Wallace, has arrived and begun his work with this church. The church has been vacant since the death of Dr. W. D. Burkhead.

Auburn: The church here has extended a second call to the Rev. C. C. McNeill, of Gallatin, Tenn.

Hayneville: The Rev. T. C. Guy has resigned his work in the Lowndes County field.

Birmingham: The Rev. J. B. Meacham has entered upon his work in the pastorate of the Second church, and the promise for a successful work here is indeed good.

Marion: The Presbyterian students of Marion Military Institute at this place have organized a Presbyterian Club among themselves. They are pledged to attend the local church regularly, and they have a devotional meeting every Sunday afternoon in the chapel of the school, which they conduct themselves. The officers are: Clayton Albert, Guntersville, Ala., president; James Merwin, Pensacola, Fla., vice-president; John Short, Vicksburg, Miss., secretary; Andrew Cousins, Faunsdale, Ala., treasurer. The membership includes students from ten different States. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Marion church gave a lawn party recently for these boys and the Presbyterian girls among the student body of Judson College, a Baptist school which is also located in Marion.

ARKANSAS.

Arkadelphia: Rev. J. V. Johnson has just assumed charge of this church. He is doing a fine work, and all his people love him. Last Sunday he placed before the congregation the call from the Ministerial Relief Committee, and the church responded with something like \$500.

Little Rock: The Sunday school at its Rally Day carried out the program of the Ministerial Relief Committee, and the children made a very generous contribution. The new church building is gradually going up, and when completed will be one of the best auditoriums in the city. Dr. and Mrs. Van Lear are doing a magnificent work in the community.

FLORIDA.

Tampa, First church, after a quiet but successful summer, has resumed its activities for winter with a renewed zest. Dr. J. C. Tims has returned from his vacation. The organization of the church is so complete that each department was carried on without interruption. The church services were not omitted, nor was the pulpit supplied with other ministers, but by the elders and laymen of the church itself. The congregations were large, and the sermons or talks well enjoyed. Indeed, it seemed to bring the members into even closer relationship with each other. This fact was very gratifying to Dr. Tims on his return. At the communion services the first Sunday in October, Dr. Tims received a number of new members, making a total of thirteen since the last communion.

L. L.

DeFuniak Springs: Sunday, October 10th, was a fine day with the Presbyterian congregation. The weather was glorious, and perhaps the largest congregation seen in the church in years celebrated the communion of the Lord's Supper. The new house of worship is going up, but already we are wondering if we are building large enough. Ten new members have re-